



Seventh & James Baptist Church
April 16, 2023 · 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Easter

Many: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

One: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

Many: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

One: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

Many: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

One: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Many: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

One: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leslie Rosencrans

Reading from the Acts

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Bryce Shelton

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Viola Osborn

Hymn, No. 456

“I Come with Joy”

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Daniel Farris

The Work of God’s People

Katie Cook

Offertory

Tommy Edds, *piano*

Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.

Doxology

(sung to LASST UNS ERFREUEN, tune of "All Creature of Our God and King," No. 307)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Children's Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

Confession

Scott Turner

One: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you...

Many: In thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

One: We have not loved you with our whole heart;

Many: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

One: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Many: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

One: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: Strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

— *The Book of Common Prayer*

Anthem

"At the Name of Jesus"

Cindy Berry

Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights God,
But laid aside his mighty power and glory,
Taking the form of a servant and becoming like men.

He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.
At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Sermon

“Celebrate!”

Erin Conaway

(Psalm 16)

Communion

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Silent Reflection

Remember, God, to love us in a way
Our souls can taste
And rejoice
In.

— St. Teresa of Avila, in “In a Way the Grain Can Feel”

Hymn of Commitment, No. 622

“He Lives”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the
family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care,
our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you,
and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Benediction

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Paul Bassler

High King of heaven, when victory won
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

Postlude

“We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More”

(ENGELBERG,
Charles V. Stanford)
setting by Charles Callahan

Today at Seventh

On Communion Sundays, the Benevolence offering is received at the doors to help our neighbors in need.

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in celebration of our 16th wedding anniversary (4/21) - Jung-Hyun and Kenichi.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.

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